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FM AMEMBASSY KUWAIT

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INFO AMEMBASSY ABU DHABI

AMEMBASSY BEIRUT

AMEMBASSY JIDA

AMEMBASSY MANAMA

AMEMBASSY MUSCAT

AMEMBASSY TEHRAN

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EFIN, ECON, EAID, KU

SUBJECT: KUWAIT ASSEMBLY DELAYS INCREASING KFAED  
CAPITALIZATION

REF: KUWAIT 1046

1. BILL TO INCREASE CAPITALIZATION OF KUWAIT FUND FOR ARAB  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FROM KD 200 MILLION (KD 1 - \$3.38)  
TO KD ONE BILLION (SEE REFTTEL) WAS PRESENTED TO FLOOR OF  
NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SATURDAY, JUNE 1, AND WAS IMMEDIATELY  
ATTACKED ON GROUNDS OF MISPLACED PRIORITIES. SEVERAL DEPUTIES  
PROTESTED THAT MAJOR LOCAL DECISIONS WERE BEING EITHER  
IGNORED OR DELAYED IN FAVOR OF INCREASING KUWAIT'S FOREIGN  
AID. VARIOUS SPEAKERS CITED SEVERAL BILLS WHICH THEY BELIEVED  
SHOULD BE GIVEN PRIORITY, INCLUDING INTER ALIA, HOUSING,  
INCREASING CAPITAL OF CREDIT AND SAVINGS BANK, INCREASING  
SALARIES AND PRICE CONTROLS.

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2. GOK SPOKESMEN IN ASSEMBLY INSISTED THAT, WHILE THESE OTHER  
ISSUES WERE IMPORTANT AND WERE BEING DEALT WITH, MATTER BEFORE

THE ASSEMBLY WAS APPROVAL OF KFAED BILL, AND IT SHOULD BE HANDLED WITHOUT INTRODUCTION OF EXTRANEIOUS ISSUES. AT THAT, TWELVE DISSENTING DEPUTIES WALKED OUT, LEAVING SESSION WITHOUT A QUORUM, THUS EFFECTIVELY STALLING ACTION ON KFAED BILL.

3. COMMENT: THE EMBASSY DOES NOT RPT NOT BELIEVE THIS DEVELOPMENT IS CAUSE FOR ALARM THAT INCREASE IN KFAED'S CAPITALIZATION MIGHT NOT BE APPROVED. MOST DEPUTIES SPEAKING AGAINST DEBATE OF KFAED BILL EMPHASIZED THAT KFAED WAS SOURCE OF PRIDE TO KUWAIT, AND THEY WERE OBJECTING TO TIMING RATHER THAN SUBSTANCE OF BILL. EMBASSY BELIEVES THIS ACTION WILL HAVE EFFECT OF DELAYING ACTION ON BILL, PERHAPS BY NO MORE THAN A WEEK, WHILE GOK EITHER RALLIES SUPPORT OR DEMONSTRATES POSITIVE ACTION ON LOCAL ISSUES.  
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